

DATE 2-16-21ITEM NO. RA 7**Melissa Whitney**

From: Terry Connolly <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 2:40 PM
To: COB_mail
Subject: High quality early childhood education

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Dear Supervisor:

I write to encourage you to support the proposal currently before the Board concerning high quality early childhood education. As a retired educator I know that many competing claims demand your time and attention but I can think of none more deserving as this. I won't try to reiterate all the arguments in favor of the proposed funding -- impressive long-run financial returns, improved parental earnings, safety and future prospects of the children included, enrichment of the community as a whole, and so on -- but let's not forget the moral case. These are our children. They deserve our best, and they need it now.

I hope you will give this program your fullest support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Terry Connolly
Professor Emeritus,
University of Arizona.

Please copy this note to County Manager Huckleberry

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From: Beth Morrison <b Morrison@ourfamilyservices.org>
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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to state the support of Our Family Services in Supervisor Scott's proposal to fund quality early childhood education in Pima County. As a provider of housing for youth and family experiencing homelessness, we see day in and day out the significant barriers that our clients have in reaching housing stability. One of the most frequently identified barriers is the lack of access to affordable quality early childhood education for their children. This barrier often means these families are unable to achieve their own educational goals as well as limits their ability to have stable employment opportunities.

We at Our Family Services, urge the County to pass Supervisor Scott's proposal and fund Early Childhood Education. Let's work together to help all of our families and children, in Pima County, to be successful.

Beth Morrison

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Chief Executive Officer

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